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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Atsushi MAEDA **ALLOWED: NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

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FOR: DISPLAY APPARATUS FOR CONVEYOR

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability of November 17, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 17, 2008, paragraph 1 states in part:

Regarding claim 6, the allowability, at least in part, resides a display configured to indicate information relating to operational conditions of the conveyor or positions of a malfunctioned safety device; a contactor for intermittently charging to a motor driving circuit of the conveyor, or changing running operation between normal and reverse running directions; a safety device detector configured to be capable shutting down a power source of the contactor, when any of the safety devices is actuated; a binary signal means configured to generate a binary signal which specifies the operation condition of the conveyor or the actuated safety device; and a display controller configured to determine a indication to be displayed in compliance with a combination of introduced binary signals, and providing the display signal to the display.

The above comment seems to be directed to Claim 2 rather than Claim 6. It is respectfully noted that independent Claim 2 recites the elements noted above including “a binary signal means” while Claim 6 recites “the display controller has a function for encrypting a indication to be displayed.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement should apply only to independent Claim 2 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not to dependent Claim 6.

Respectfully Submitted,

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